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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Bowlen, at 9:49 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Bowlen, Paul **(Chair)**	City of Cerritos
Chastain, Kelly*	SANBAG
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
Poe, Marilynn	City of Los Alamitos
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion

Members Not Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Davert, Doug	City of Tustin
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Edney, Jon A. **(Vice Chair)**	City of El Centro/IVAG (Excused Absence)
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Kirby, Dan	SGVCOG
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nuñez, John	SGVCOG (Excused Absence)
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Ramirez, Rick	Gateway Cities

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Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG

Indicates new member(s).

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Paul Bowlen called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. The Chair asked Councilmember Gil Coerper of Huntington Beach to lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS
Ms. Harris pointed out a correction to the agenda, item 6.0 should read **"INFORMATION ITEMS".**

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR
It was moved by Councilmember Charles White and seconded by Councilmember McCallon to approve the consent calendar as submitted. It was approved unanimously.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of September 14, 2006

4.1.2 Highlights of the Draft 2006 State of the Region Report
Chair Bowlen stated that if any member wants to comment on the State of the Region Report (p. 7 of the agenda) they could pass their comments on to staff and they would be forwarded to the staff working on that report.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislation Matrix
4.2.2 End of Session Legislative Report

5.0 ACTION ITEM

5.1 Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Selection
Mark Butala, Program Manager, Compass Blueprint, reviewed the current round of demonstration projects and highlighted a few that are expected to be completed by the end of October. Mr. Butala also reported on the new project applications that have been received for the next round of demonstration projects.

The current projects, expected to be by completed by the end of October; include Compton, Corona, Exposition Line, Montclair, Perris, Riverside, Rolling Hills Estates, and San Bernardino.

Mr. Butala presented the proposed demonstration projects in a ranking using the evaluation criteria previously approved by CEHD. These are: Rialto, Coachella, El Centro, San Gabriel, Ventura County Civic Alliance, City of Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Azusa, North Orange County Cities, Los Angeles County MTA, El Monte, Fillmore, Lawndale, Long Beach, and Ventura. It is expected that the selected projects will be completed by the end of the year.

Action: It was moved by Councilmember Jasper and seconded by Councilmember McCullough to approve the ranking projects that fit within the criteria as outlined in the staff report. The motion inclues directing staff to negotiate final project costs and, if needed, seek additional funds to potentially complete all projects. The motion passed.

After a brief discussion, the action was amended to add that the approval of projects be contingent upon that city being or becoming a member of SCAG. The motion was moved by Councilmember Poe and seconded by Councilmember Coerper. The Committee passed the amended motion unanimously.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 CEHD RHNA Subcommittee Meeting Topics

Joe Carreras, Program Manager II, Community Development, gave a brief report on the topics discussed by the RHNA Subcommittee after holding two meetings held on September 21 and 28th. The Committee to date has taken a look at what are the elements in a regional housing needs planning process, and what policy deliberations necessary to adjust or improve the regional housing needs assessment planning process. Mr. Carreras said the Subcommittee is moving swiftly through several policy recommendations to be brought forward to the Committee with specific recommendations. In particular, at the October 12 meeting in the SCAG Riverside office, the next topic of discussion will be fair share housing.

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Carreras gave a brief summary of some of the policy recommendations that have come out of Subcommittee discussions:

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- Add two data elements (1) providing information on the assisted units at risk of converting from affordable housing to market rate housing; (2) Add farmworker housing needs
- Develop a policy adjustment relating to housing costs to help mitigate the increase in home costs and to provide for more affordability
- There would not be a housing demand policy factor added to the allocation methodology.

A discussion ensued regarding the RHNA Subcommittee's decision to not recommend a housing demand policy factor. Joe Carreras was asked to describe the "ideal" vacancy rate which the Subcommittee chose not to pursue. Several CEHD members asked to put this item back on the Subcommittee agenda. Gill Coerper raised a point of order indicating only one of the original subcommittee members who supported the action could make this motion.

It was moved by Councilmember White who identified himself as one of the original Subcommittee votes and seconded by Councilmember McCallon, to place the housing demand policy factors and the ideal vacancy rate for reconsideration on the Subcommittee Meeting agenda for October 12th. The motion passed. Councilmember Krause asked that the minutes of the Subcommittee be available in order to re-capture the full discussion.

The Chair thanked the Subcommittee for the work they are doing on the RHNA.

6.2   RHNA Subcommittee Chair's Report
        Subcommittee Report combined with item 6.1.

7.0   STAFF REPORT
Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, reported that staff has 13 of the 14 Integrated Growth Forecast RHNA workshop meetings have been confirmed with a venue and a time. Ms. Harris encouraged members to have their cities note the meeting dates for their subregion and to please attend because of the technical information and the application of the forecast to the RHNA.

Secondly, Ms. Harris said the information requested by Councilmember Richardson at the September 14th meeting is ready for distribution. There will be copies distributed to those members who wish a copy.

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Joanne Africa, Deputy Legal Counsel, stated copies of the End of the Session legislation were available on the table in the back of the meeting room.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
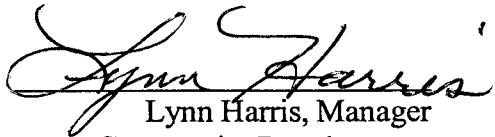Chair Bowlen introduced new members.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
None.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT
The Chair called for a motion to adjourn motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. to the joint meeting of the Policy Committees and RC to discuss the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The next CEHD meeting will be held November 2, 2006, at the SCAG office.

Minutes Approved by:

Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development